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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) & (c) After an inspection by the Sanitary Engineer, the Municipal Commissioner has been asked to modify the proposals and send revised plans and estimates for technical sanction. These are yet to be received from the Municipal Commissioner. Further action will be taken on receipt of the revised proposals from the Commissioner."

*Extension of Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to Chidambaram.*

* 1071 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 413 given on 8th April 1953 whether the Government have since decided to extend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to the Chidambaram taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952, has been extended with effect from 1st July 1953 to a major portion of Chidambaram taluk and six villages of Cuddalore taluk, by means of a notification, dated 1st July 1953."

*House-sites for Harijans in Kallakurichi taluk.*

* 1072 Q.—SRI L. ANANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of Harijans who have been assigned land for house-sites in Kallakurichi taluk which is in Firka Development Area and the total extent of land so assigned in 1952–53?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" House-sites were not assigned to Harijans in Kallakurichi taluk during 1952–53. Only two applications have been received during the period and they are under enquiry."

*Repairs to bridges in East Godavari.*

* 1073 Q.—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many bridges in East Godavari district require repairs;

(b) since when are they in such condition; and

(c) whether any steps were taken to get them repaired for use?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The bridge over the Pampa River at Annavaram and the bridge over the Yeluru River at Yerravaram require repairs.

" (b) Since 1949.

" (c) The bridge over the Pampa River is under reconstruction (estimate Rs. 2·5 lakhs) and it is expected to be opened for traffic on 15th July 1953. The work of reconstructing the

bridge over the Yeluru River (estimate Rs. 7·10 lakhs) will be taken up for execution shortly. The work of forming a link bund in the breached portion of the bridge has been taken up and it is nearing completion.''

*Jayankondan Taluk Headquarters Hospital.*

* 1074 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Jayankondan is to be converted into a Government Hospital under the provincialization scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—'' Provincialization of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals is being done, at the rate of 5 or 6 such hospitals every year subject to the financial position of the State. The Provincialization of the hospital at Jayankondan will be taken up in due course.''

*Backward Classes Advisory Board.*

* 1075 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) when the Backward Classes Advisory Board was formed for the last time and the duration of the board thus formed; and

(b) what are the functions of the board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—'' (a) The Backward Classes Advisory Committee was last constituted in 1951 and its term which was one year expired on 6th February 1952. The term was subsequently extended up to 6th May 1952. The question of reconstituting the Committee is now under the consideration of Government.

'' (b) The function of the Committee is to advise the Government on matters relating to the amelioration of the conditions of the Backward Classes.''

*Agricultural income-tax on plantations.*

* 1076 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when steps for taxing agricultural income-tax on plantations agreed to by the Minister before the Assembly on 10th July 1952 will be taken up and at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—'' The question of levy of an agricultural income-tax is under consideration of the Government. It will take some time for them to arrive at a final decision.''

*Tungabhadra High-level Canal.*

* 1077 Q.—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many sluices were provided in the dam at Mallapuram for the Tungabhadra High-level Canal and their maximum discharges;